



Dixie Louise Tamcke

February 13, 1941 - December 25, 2020

Dixie Louise Tamcke passed away in Bellingham on December 25th, 2020 at the age of 79.

She was born on February 13th, 1941 in Auburn, WY to Fredrick and Vesta, and was raised in Montana. Dixie loved all things Western and was proud of her heritage. As a young woman, Dixie had horses, and had one horse in particular who would repeatedly try to peel her off with the barbed wire fence – that was when she learned to ride side saddle.

After Dixie graduated from Bellingham High School, she married her “Honey” Bill Tamcke on December 7th, 1959, and they had just celebrated 61 years of marriage. Together they had two children, Henry Tamcke of Cascade, ID, and Crystal (Bruce) Tamcke King of Bellingham, WA.

Art was Dixie’s love. She was active with the Whatcom Art Guild for over 50 years and was a staple at regional art shows, including Ski to Sea, the Tulip Festival, Northwest Washington Fair, and was featured at the Whatcom Art Market. She won multiple awards, honors, and ribbons. Her preferred medium was oil, watercolor, and pen and ink. She saw the beauty of the world and emulated it through her brushstrokes.

She also loved road trips, family reunions, and anything cinnamon, salty, or

sweet, and was very active at her church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Dixie is predeceased by her Mother and Stepfather, Vesta and Conner Biendl, Father, Fredrick Ringel, and brother, David Ringel.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, son Henry, daughter Crystal (Bruce), six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and the love of art she instilled in her students.

Dixie will be laid to rest at Greenacres Memorial Park in Ferndale, WA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Animals as Natural Therapy.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I just came upon a painting Dixie did for my parents and it was so beautiful. I wanted to look up the artist and I sadly found her here. But the painting she did for my parents will go on forever.*

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